Bringing back of Kohinoor and Peacock Throne

4573. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 766 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st March, 2001 and state;

(a) whether Kohinoor Diamond and the Peacock Throne are still held by the Britishers;

(b) if so, whether the matter was raised during the recent visit of the British Prime Minister; and

(c) if not, the action proposed to bring them back at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) Government is aware of the whereabouts of the Kohinoor Diamond and Peacock Throne. Government is in touch with the concerned authorities in the British Government through our High Commission in London on this matter. Government will continue to explore ways and means for obtaining a satisfactory resolution.

Visit of U.S. Assistant Secretary of State

4574. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.S. Assistant Secretary of state visited India and has discussions with Indian officials on developments in the Indo-U.S. relations and situation in the sub-continent;

(b) if so, the main subjects discussed;

(c) the officials and Ministers with whom she met and had discussions; and

(d) the outcome of her visit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir. The U.S. Assistant